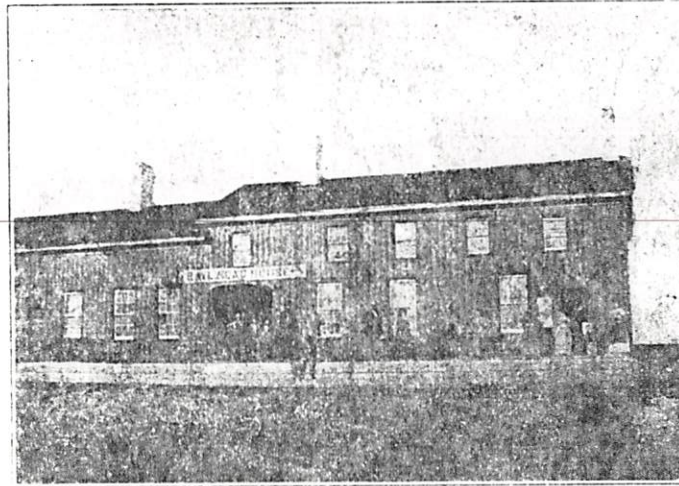


TRANSPORTATION

The mode of travel in and around Lehi was similar to that of the rest of Utah. Ox teams and horses with covered wagons were the only means of transporting goods. The roads were wagon trails either muddy or dusty, full of ruts and sometimes steep. However, about 1865 some of the citizens found it to their advantage



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to engage in freighting. Considerable experience had been gained by those who had returned to the Missouri river with provisions for the immigrants and then had helped those travelers back to the valleys. The settlers now decided to haul their produce to the mining camps of Montana, where a good price was realized. For eggs they received \$1.25 a dozen and for oats and flour twelve cents and twenty-four cents a pound, respectively. In 1865 Abram Hatch sent two teams to Montana with Amasa Lyman and Stephen Ross as teamsters. Jasper Rolfe and Peter Lott made the trip during the same season.

The event of the completion of the transcontinental railroad through Utah in 1869 had profound effect upon the history of Utah and upon Lehi. Immigrants could then come to Salt Lake City by rail, goods could be brought in from the east and be carried to Salt Lake City in the matter of a few weeks. The completion of the track of the Southern Railroad into Lehi, marked an important event. The arrival of the first train on September 23, 1872, meant much to the citizens and had been anticipated for weeks.

Here is a favorite riddle that the children used to repeat in regard to the train:

"Riddle-me Riddle-me Riddle-me-ree

Will you unravel this riddle for me?

Then came a Monster, a terror it seems,

Did I see it while waking or only in dreams?

It came on a track with a roar and a whack!

With speed of the lightning and thunder (good lack)!

One eye in its head glowing brilliant and red,

'Twas something to look at with fear and with dread.

Strength of a lion, but smoke that came from it,

Resembled the trailing tail of a comet;

And yet if you ask him, the jolly old duffer,

He'll drop you at Grandma's in time for supper;

Just give him his favorite meals of good coal,

He'll travel as far as the telegraph poles.

He'll bring you sweet oranges up from the south,

Grapes from the East that will melt in your mouth;

Wine from the West that will fly to your head,

Corn for your muffins and wheat for your bread;

Everything beautiful, precious and sweet,

Everything dainty to smell and to eat;

Everything useful to sell and to buy,

This monster will bring in the wink of an eye,

Now riddle-me, riddle-me, riddle-me-ree,

Can you unravel this riddle for me."

This was in 1872 and trains traveled eighteen to twenty miles per hour.

The effect of the advent of the railroad in Lehi was almost magical.

